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AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING THEM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 24, 2003, applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 2-4, 44-53 and 61-69) in this application. During a telephone conference on December 30, 2003 between Examiner Tran and applicants' representative Robert N. Wieland, it was confirmed that cancelled claims 1, 5-9 and 11 should not be considered in the election. The election should read Group I, claims 2-4, 44-53 and 61-69; and Group II, claims 10-43, 54-60 and 70-71.

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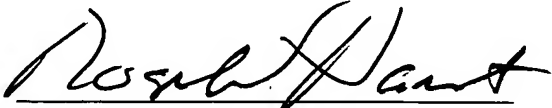
However, applicants traverse the restriction requirement since the subject matter of all of claims 2-4, 10 and 12-71 is sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the elected claims would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 which clearly states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." This policy should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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